

University of Southern California  
 School of International Relations  
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 Seminar: Tuesdays, 2pm-5pm,  
 Office Hours: Wednesdays, 2:30-5:00pm, and by appointment

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## **ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS THEORY**

### **Thematic Introduction**

This is an advanced theory course in International Relations designed for POIR Ph.D students. It is intended to compliment IR 500 and it assumes that students are already familiar with literatures and approaches covered in 500. The course will take a historical multi-paradigm approach, investigating some of the earlier literatures that have influenced the various theoretical traditions in the discipline of International Relations. Although each week is identified as presenting different approaches or paradigms, where possible, multiple approaches and debates between them will be integrated into each week's assignments. In the interests of deparochializing an Anglo-American literature and emphasizing the global character of the field, the course will include the contributions of non-American and hybrid American scholars from different times and places. The course will also include some readings on how knowledge is constructed in a variety of epistemological traditions. Since the course is intended for students who are, or will in the near future, be writing Ph.D dissertation proposals, we will devote one week to reading and critiquing some recently completed Ph.D dissertations.

### **Seminar Requirements**

It is imperative that students attend each weekly seminar and do the reading before the week for which it is assigned. Students will be assigned responsibility for leading the discussion of some portion of the reading each week and writing up brief summaries to be distributed to the class one day before the class meeting. Since many weeks contain a great number of readings, readings will be assigned to students one week ahead of time on an individual basis so not everyone will be required to read all the readings. In addition, students will write two 5 page critical summaries of a portion of the readings from two different weeks. Students are free to choose on which weeks they wish to write their papers. The papers will be due one week after the class in which the chosen readings are discussed. Students will also write a critical review of a recently completed Ph.D. dissertation. I have the dissertations in my office and students may choose from among them. Please make your selections before the spring break. This assignment is due on March 27. The final project will be a draft version of a dissertation and/or research proposal of the student's choosing. Ideally, it will incorporate some of the material covered in the course. This paper is due on May 4. The two literature review papers will count for 10% each, the Ph.D critique for 20%, attendance, class discussion and short outlines for 30% and the final paper for 30%.

Students requesting academic accommodations based on disability are required to register with Disability Services and Programs (DSP) each semester. A letter of verification for approved accommodations can be obtained from DSP when adequate documentation is filed. Please be sure the letter is delivered to me as early in the semester as possible.

**Readings:**

We will be reading all or a substantial part of the following books. They are available for purchase in the Bookstore and are on reserve in the Leavey Library. Other required readings are available in electronic form (so indicated by an asterisk). They will be posted on Blackboard.

Barry Buzan and Richard Little, *International Systems in World History: Remaking the Study of International Relations*, Oxford University Press, 2000.

David Campbell, *Writing Security: United States Foreign Policy and the Politics of Identity*, Revised edition, University of Minnesota Press, 1998.

Michael W. Doyle, *Ways of War and Peace*, W.W. Norton, 1997

Nicolas Guilhot ed., *The Invention of International Relations Theory*, Columbia University Press, 2011

Stefano Guzzini and Anna Leander, eds., *Constructivism and International Relations: Alexander Wendt and his Critics*, Routledge, 2006

Lene Hansen, *Security as Practice, Discourse Analysis and the Bosnian War*, Routledge, 2006

Patrick Jackson, *The Conduct of Inquiry in International Relations: Philosophy of Science and its Implications for the Study of World Politics*, Routledge, 2011

Andrew Linklater, *The Transformation of Political Community: Ethical Foundations of the Post-Westphalian Era*, University of South Carolina Press, 1998

Richard M. Price, ed., *Moral Limit and Possibility in World Politics*, Cambridge University Press, 2008

J. Ann Tickner and Laura Sjoberg, eds., *Feminism and International Relations: Conversations about the Past, Present and Future*, Routledge, 2011

Alexander Wendt, *Social Theory of International Politics*, Cambridge University Press, 1999.

Please see page 8 of syllabus for additional background reading

**Course Outline:****Weeks 1 and 2: January 10 and 17th****How Do We Construct Knowledge for International Relations?:  
PATRICK JACKSON WILL ATTEND CLASS ON JANUARY 10**

Patrick Jackson, *The Conduct of Inquiry in International Relations: Philosophy of Science and its Implications for the Study of World Politics*, Routledge, 2011

\*Martin Hollis and Steve Smith, *Explaining and Understanding International Relations*, Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1991 (Excerpts)

Barry Buzan and Richard Little, *International Systems in World History: Remaking the Study of International Relations*, Oxford University Press, 2000, Part I

**Recommended:**

Peregrine Schwartz-Shea and Dvora Yanow, *Interpretive Research Design: Concepts and Practices* (unpublished)

**Weeks 3 and 4: January 24 and 31****Birth and Development of the Modern Era: Historical Precursors to Contemporary International Relations Theories**

Barry Buzan and Richard Little, *International Systems in World History: Remaking the Study of International Relations*, Oxford University Press, 2000, Skim parts II and III, Read Part IV

\*Stephen Toulmin, *Cosmopolis: The Hidden Agenda of Modernity*, University of Chicago Press, 1992, chs. 1 and 2

\*Hayward Alker, "The Humanistic Moment in International Studies: Reflections on Machiavelli and Las Casas," chapter 4 in Alker, *Rediscoveries and Reformulations*, Cambridge University Press, 1996.

Michael Doyle, *Ways of War and Peace*, W.W. Norton, 1997, Part I

**Recommended:**

Niccolo Machiavelli, *The Prince*, Random House, New York, 1950

**Week 5: February 7**

**Modernity, Colonialism and Postcolonialism:  
NAEEM INAYATULLAH WILL ATTEND CLASS ON FEBRUARY 7**

\*Richard Devetak, "The Project of Modernity and International Relations Theory," *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*, 24: 27-51 (1995)

\*Tzvetan Todorov, *The Conquest of America*, Harper Perennial, 1992. (excerpts)

Naeem Inayatullah and David Blaney, *International Relations and the Problem of Difference*, Routledge, 2004

**Week 6: February 14**

**Realism Revisited**

Nicolas Guilhot ed., *The Invention of International Relations Theory*, Columbia University Press, 2011

\*Michael Williams, "Why Ideas Matter in International Relations: Hans Morgenthau, Classical Realism, and the Moral Construction of Power Politics," *International Organization* vol. 58:4 (2004)

\*Stacie Goodard and Daniel Nexon, "Paradigm Lost: Reassessing Theory of International Relations," *European Journal of International Relations*, vol. 11:1 (2005)

\*J. Ann Tickner, "Hans Morgenthau's Principles of Political Realism: A Feminist Reformulation," *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*, 17: 3 (1998)

**Weeks 7 and 8: February 21 and 28**

**Constructivism**

\*Richard Price and Christian Reus-Smit, "Dangerous Liaisons? Critical International Theory and Constructivism," *European Journal of International Relations*, vol. 4:3 (1998)

Alexander Wendt, *Social Theory of International Politics*, Cambridge University Press, 1999. Particularly pages 1-44, 92-192, 247-312

Stefano Guzzini and Anna Leander, eds., *Constructivism and International Relations: Alexander Wendt and his Critics*, Routledge, 2006

\*Alastair Iain Johnston, "Treating International Institutions as Social Environments," *International Studies Quarterly*, 45: 4 (2001)

\*J. Samuel Barkin, "Realist Constructivism," *International Studies Review*, 5: 3 (2003)

**Recommended:**

Maja Zeyfuss, *Constructivism in International Relations: The Politics of Reality*, Cambridge University Press, 2002

Karin Fierke and Knud Erik Jorgensen, eds., *Constructing International Relations: The Next Generation*, M.E. Sharpe, 2001

Nicholas Onuf, *Worlds of our Making*, University of South Carolina Press, 1989

**Week 9: March 6**

**Ethical Issues and Normative Theorizing in International Relations  
RICHARD PRICE WILL ATTEND CLASS ON MARCH 6**

Richard M. Price, *Moral Limit and Possibility in World Politics*, Cambridge University Press, 2008

Michael W. Doyle, *Ways of War and Peace*, W.W. Norton, 1997, Part IV

**Recommended:**

“Responsible Scholarship in International Relations: A Symposium” edited by J. Ann Tickner and Andrei Tsygankov, *International Studies Review*, 10: 4 (2008)

**MARCH 13 SPRING BREAK**

**Week 10: March 20**

**Ph.D. dissertations**

We will have student presentations and discussions of some recent Ph.D dissertations. They are available in my office and students may choose from among them.

**March 27: PAPER DUE**

**Week 11: March 27**

**Liberalism**

Michael Doyle, *Ways of War and Peace*, Part II

\*Andrew Moravcsik, “Taking Preferences Seriously: A Liberal Theory of International Relations,” *International Organization*, 51:513-553 (1997)

\*Christian Reus-Smit, “The Strange Death of Liberal IR Theory,” *European Journal of International Law*, Vol. 12: 573-593 (2001)

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\*Jeffrey Checkel, “International Norms and Domestic Politics: Bridging the Rationalist

Constructivist Divide,” *European Journal of International Relations*, 3:473-495 (1997)

\*Jennifer Sterling-Folker, “Competing Paradigms or Birds of a Feather? Constructivism and Neoliberal Institutionalism Compared,” *International Studies Quarterly*, 44: 97-119 (2000)

### **Week 12: April 3**

#### **Marxism and Critical Theory**

Michael Doyle, *Ways of War and Peace*, Part III

Andrew Linklater, *The Transformation of Community: Ethical Foundations of the Post-Westphalian Era*, University of South Carolina Press, 1998

\*Robert Cox, “Social Forces, States and World Orders: Beyond International Relations Theory,” *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*, 10: 126-155 (1981)

#### **Recommended:**

Mark Neufeld *The Restructuring of International Relations Theory*, Cambridge University Press, 1995

### **Week 13: April 10**

#### **Feminism**

\*J. Ann Tickner, “What is Your Research Program? Some Feminist Answers to IR’s Methodological Questions,” *International Studies Quarterly*, 49: 1-21 (2005).

J. Ann Tickner and Laura Sjoberg, eds., *Feminism and International Relations: Conversations about the Past, Present and Future*, Routledge, 2011

### **Week 14: April 17**

#### **Poststructuralism and Postmodernism**

David Campbell, *Writing Security: United States Foreign Policy and the Politics of Identity*, University of Minnesota Press, 1998

Lene Hansen, *Security as Practice, Discourse Analysis and the Bosnian War*, Routledge, 2006

#### **Recommended:**

R.B.J. Walker, *Inside/Outside: International Relations as Political Theory*, Cambridge University Press, 1993

Janice Bially Mattern, *Ordering International Politics: Identity, Crisis, and Representational*

*Force*, Routledge, 2005.

James Der Derian, *On Diplomacy: A Genealogy of Western Estrangement*, Blackwell's, 1987.

James Der Derian & Michael Shapiro, eds., *International/ Intertextual Relations*, Lexington Books, 1989.

### **Week 15: April 24**

#### **Beyond the Anglo-American Tradition: IR Theory Around the World**

Arlene Tickner and Ole Wæver, eds., *International Relations Scholarship Around the World*, Routledge, 2010

\*Knud Eric Jørgensen, "Continental IR Theory: The Best Kept Secret," *European Journal of International Relations*, vol. 6:1 (2000)

\*Giorgio Shani, "Toward a Post-Western IR: The *Umma*, *Khalso Panth*, and Critical International Relations Theory," *International Studies Review*, vol. 10: 4 (2008)

\*William Callahan, "Chinese Visions of World Order: Post-hegemonic or a New Hegemony?" *International Studies Review*, vol. 10:4 (2008)

#### **Recommended:**

John Hobson, *The Eastern Origins of Western Civilisation*, Cambridge University Press, 2004.

### **Background Reading:**

Since this is not the first course covering IR theory that students should have taken, I have not assigned a specific week as an introduction to the history of the discipline although historical and foundational materials will be assigned throughout the course. Although they are not required reading, the following provide some general overview of the historical and theoretical development of International Relations as a discipline.

Raymond Aron, *Peace and War*, Doubleday, 1966.

Hedley Bull, *The Anarchical Society: A Study of Order in World Politics*, Columbia, New York, 1977.

E. H. Carr, *The Twenty Years Crisis*, Harper Torchback, 1964 (originally 1939)

Robert M. A. Crawford, and Darryl S.L. Jarvis, eds, *International Relations: Still an American Social Science? Toward Diversity in International Thought*, State University of New York Press, 2001.

Tim Dunne, Milja Kurki, and Steve Smith, *International Relations Theories: Discipline and Diversity*, Oxford University Press, 2007.

Robert Gilpin, *War and Change in World Politics*, Cambridge University Press, 1981.

Stanley Hoffman, "An American Social Science: International Relations," *Daedalus* 106 (1977) 41-59.

Torbjorn L. Knutsen, *A History of International Relations Theory*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Manchester University Press, 1997.

Justin Rosenberg, *The Empire of Civil Society: A Critique of the Realist Theory of International Relations*, Verso, London and New York, 1994.

Brian C. Schmidt, *The Political Discourse of Anarchy: A Disciplinary History of International Relations*, State University of New York, 1998.

J. Ann Tickner, *Gender in International Relations*, Columbia University Press, 1992

Quincy Wright, *The Study of International Relations*, Appleton-Century-Crofts, 1955,